

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held August 19, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Jake Mellor, Commission Chair  
Jae Potter, Commissioner  
Casey Hopes, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor  
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk  
Sandy Lehman, Commission Secretary  
Jeff Wood, Sheriff  
Christian Bryner, Attorney  
Rose Barnes, HR  
Jason Llewelyn, Emergency Services

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Mellor welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4:32 p.m.

**1) Presentation of Retirement Plaque to Mikel Johnson**

Mikel Johnson was presented with a retirement plaque for forty one years of employment with the County. The Commissioners thanked him for his years of service which includes weed and mosquito abatement and maintenance.

**2) Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the July 29, 2015 Work Meeting minutes. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Commission Hopes made a motion to approve the July 15, 2015 Commissioner Meeting minutes with the following correction, Commissioner Potter was not in attendance at this meeting and was excused. Commissioner Mellor stepped down and seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Potter abstained.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the July 15, 2015 Work Meeting, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Potter noted that today was the ribbon cutting and official opening of the new County Administration building. It is a wonderful place to work in and is a tribute to the hard working people of Carbon County. The new building is expected to last 75 plus years. When Commissioner Potter was elected he saw a need for a new building and he didn't want to pass the issue on to the next generation. He thanked the community for their support and appreciation for the employees of Carbon County. He explained the importance of mineral extraction money to the County in oil, gas and coal.

The funding for the building came from the Community Impact Board who has been generous to counties who produce minerals. Carbon County is the second largest mineral producer in the State and has a permanent seat on the CIB board. Six million of the funding for the building came from a mineral lease grant, six million is a 0% loan and six million is a 2 1/2 % loan. This was an exceptional opportunity. The old building could not be repaired and updated for the cost of the new building. Commissioner Potter feels that Carbon County is on the verge of a brighter future and there is expected growth coming. He also thanked the hard working people involved in mineral extraction that funded the building.

**3) Award of the check from the Ballard Fund Raiser – Rose Barnes**

Rose Barnes invited the Ballard Fund Raising committee to come forward and introduced each one. It was explained that this fund raiser is done in behalf of Linda Ballard's husband who passed away. Rose thanked

everyone for their support including Micha from her office and everyone in Frank Ori's office. Linda thanked everyone as well and for the support of the community. Each year the fundraiser gets bigger and better. The committee presented a check for \$13,778.28 to the Jeff Eskelsen Family.

4) **Outstanding Teen – Miss Carbon County Program, Marylynn Denison-Tubbs**

Outstanding Teen title holders Madison Burrola and Mikelle Monson introduced themselves. They explained the Miss Carbon County organization. September 25 and 26 is the Outstanding Teen State competition. The fee for this competition is \$500 per contestant. They asked the Commission for any support to cover the entrance fees for both girls. The Commissioners asked for their platforms, what their talents are in the competition and what fundraising they have done.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the \$1,000 for the entrance fees for the State competition, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hopes asked that for next year's budgeting purposes, is there going to be two crowns again. Ms. Tubbs said they are hoping for more participation and will have only one crown. Commissioner Potter asked Mrs. Tubbs to send an invoice from the Miss Carbon County organization to the County Clerk for the 2016 budget.

5) **Ratify approval of County credit card for Chris Rowley, new Maintenance Dept. Supervisor**

Commissioner Hopes made motion to ratify and approve a credit card for Chris Rowley, the new maintenance supervisor. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Public Hearing to consider and possibly approve a recommendation from the Planning Commission for a change to the zoning district for Kyle Edwards, parcel number 2-1566-1 from RR-2.5 to R-1-20,000 to accommodate a division of 2 homes on one lot located at 1622 S Hwy 6.**

Dave Levanger said Planning and Zoning reviewed this change at their August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and gave a positive recommendation. It has been surveyed, a plat will be prepared and the advertising requirements were met.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to go into a public hearing, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

The public hearing began at 4:50 p.m. Seeing no comments the public hearing was closed at 4:52 p.m.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the application for the zoning change for parcel number 2-1566-1, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Approval of the additional 10% Increase to the Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) – Jason Llewelyn**

Jason explained the emergency management performance grant that pays for different things including base salaries, NIMS training, equipment and operations. This year the amount has gone up from \$40,000 to \$44,000. He asked the Commission to accept this grant and to discuss ways to spend it.

Commissioner Hopes asked if there were any matching funds needed. Jason said the match percentage is 25% and the match can include salaries and any other money spent. Seth explained that the tax collars allocated to the department more than exceeds the required match. Commissioner Mellor asked how many grants are applied for by Emergency Services each year. Jason said probably hundreds, not all are received, but this is the time of year when many applications are due.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the EMPG grant application. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Review and possible approval of interlocal agreement for 911 /dispatch services**

Christian has looked at the 911 interlocal agreement and approves. Most of the provisions are the same as prior years. It begins July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Commissioner Potter said this covers the dispatch center which hosts both the State and County. It is a combined budget; their total budget is \$1,020,440 of which the State of Utah pays \$504,000. The dispatch office recently moved into a new building located on Hwy 6. It does cost the County and the cities just over a half million dollars a year to fund the dispatch services.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the 911 interlocal agreement. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Consideration and possible approval of letter requesting runoff and flood mitigation assistance from the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program – Jake Mellor and Jason Llewelyn**

Jason Llewelyn explained that he has met informally with the NRCS who are working with Carbon and Emery Counties to find solutions for Huntington Canyon at the Seeley burn scar which led to Carbon County's flooding issue last year and the problems along the Price River. The NRCS has already received applications from Wellington City and Helper City for flood mitigation. However, they cannot award funding to both cities in the same area for similar projects and so they have approached the County to sponsor the grant and be the umbrella for the cities involved. Jason and two members of the NRCS have walked the Price area river way looking for key spots that need mitigation. Emergency Services are looking to apply for \$250,000 in grant money for help from the NRCS to be used for removal of debris along the river, cleanout the shrubbery and straighten out some of the curves. The County has worked with the NRCS in the past and with their approval the Army Corp of Engineers will usually approve as well. Once the grant is awarded, the NRCS engineers will do most of the work in association with our County engineer.

Jason would like to work with the NRCS and have the County sponsor the grant and include Helper, Spring Glen, Carbonville, Price City and Wellington and the unincorporated areas in between. This would authorize the County to start working on ground work and create a shovel ready project. The application will put us on a waiting list and once the funding is available the project will be ready to go.

Commissioner Potter said these types of projects are successful. If funding is available there may be an excess of funding as well. It goes hand in hand with what the Road Shop is doing to clean drainages and may expedite the cleanup.

Jason explained FEMA disasters and how they affect surrounding counties and what funding may become available because of these types of disasters.

Commissioner Hopes said they are working with Curtis who is surveying and working on getting permits to clean several portions of the river including the Wellington Bridge. It does take time to put permits together and work with the governmental entities involved. The only drawback is it will not cover reimbursements for work already done and it cannot be used as match money.

Curtis said that if we do a project ahead of time then we can use the resources received for other areas within that corridor identified by Jason. Jason said there are more funding streams that they are investigating.

Christian said this letter will state that we want to be put on the list. Curtis and Christian will work on the letter to fill in any additional information needed.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the drafting of the letter and sponsorship of the NRCS grant. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

**10) Consideration to Appoint Special Council for Project Snowboard**

Commissioner Potter explained that Carbon County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Duchesne County to look at the possibility of building a pipeline to bring oil from the Basin to our rail location. The Basin struggles with air quality because of inversion. Even though the price of oil is down, oil is still being produced and transported to Carbon County load outs and then shipped to Salt Lake and to the Gulf coast. The project is now at a point where legal counsel that deals with this industry is needed.


Commissioner Potter made a motion to appoint Chapman and Cutler from Salt Lake City who have extensive project knowledge in pipeline development, to be the special council for Project Snowboard. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

**11) Review and Approval of Departmental Reports**

Commissioner Potter made a motion to adjourn, Commission Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor



  
Jake Mellor, Chairman